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TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONALS ON RUSSIAN BANK IN PANAMA
REF: PANAMA 1115

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRIES CONCERNING REPORTS OF A SOVIET TAKEOVER OF A
PANAMANIAN BANK. WE HAVE BEEN RESPONDING BY A SIMPLE
DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATION.

2. HOWEVER, REFTEL INDICATES THAT WONG IS IN DEBT TO THE
MOSCOW-NARODNY BANK FOR BOTH HOTEL PANAMA (\$9 MILLION) AND
ATLANTIC PACIFIC BANK (11 MILLION DOLS). THUS, WE
APPARENTLY NEED TO AMPLIFY OUR RESPONSE IN ORDER TO PUT THE
ALLEGATION IN CONTEXT. REQUEST EMBASSY GUIDANCE.
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